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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

FROM : Milton Kovner  
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SUBJECT : Forecast and Warning Report for Western Europe

1. Attached is my report to the DCI based on our meeting held 14 December 1983. If there are any significant amendments or additions you would wish to make, please let me know. (U)

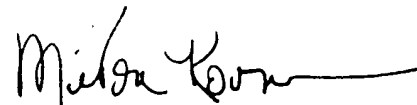
2. Next month's warning meeting will be on 18 January at 1000 in room 7-E-62, CIA Headquarters. Please note the 15 minute earlier starting time. Have your clearances passed and call [redacted]

[redacted] with names of the attendees by noon 17 January 1983. (U)

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3. I also encourage you to phone in suggestions for the agenda and proposals to make opening presentations. It would be helpful to have your comments for the next meeting by Monday, 9 January 1984. (U)



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : National Intelligence for Warning

FROM : Milton Kovner  
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SUBJECT : Monthly Forecast and Warning Meeting

Item I: Likely West European Responses to the Soviet Walkout at Geneva:  
A Six Month Forecast

There was general agreement that the Soviet walkout in Geneva would not prompt any near-term pressures by our allies to change our negotiating strategy and terms in an attempt to induce the Soviets back to the negotiating table. Whether this restraint would hold beyond mid-Spring in the absence of progress toward resuming arms control talks was the subject of some debate among the participants.

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Although most Allies harbor reservations about plans to merge INF and START, West European governments ultimately might see virtue in an negotiating arrangement by which strategic and medium-range systems were discussed separately but where progress in one set of talks was conditioned on an agreement in the other. Such a strategy would facilitate the NATO consultative process, preserve the "coupling" of US and West European defense, and not allow the Soviets to exclude consideration of the SS-20s.

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CIA analysts think that the European NATO members -- the basing countries in particular -- believe they are due some compensation for holding fast to the INF deployment decision. Hence, they might expect US concessions on such issues as a new NATO strategy, out of area deployments, emerging technologies, and the so-called "two-way street" in arms procurement. [redacted] cautioned that these issues are not "public" issues in the same sense as INF deployment, and the Europeans are less likely to press the US in these areas.

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Item II: The Conference on Disarmament in Europe (CDE)

Analysts agreed that the NATO allies have been generally accomodating to US attempts to negotiate a Western position on the notification and verification proposals that will be the focus of the first phase of the conference on Disarmament in Europe (CDE). However, since CDE could be the only institutional forum available for security negotiations with the Soviets, our NATO Allies and European neutrals are likley to seek to broaden the negotiations. The West Germans have already suggested, but not insisted, that two additional areas -- constraints on conventional forces and notification of independent air and naval activities -- be included on the agenda. Once the Stockholm conference begins, the difficulties of keeping a Western position intact are expected to mount. Participants in the CDE have been eager not to have the the conference appear as a NATO-Warsaw Pact forum; and negotiations will be carried on by each delegation on instructions from its capital. European Community members, however, do intend to use the European Political Cooperation (EPC) mechanism to present their views, and have designated French Foreign Minister Cheysson to present the EC opening statement.

Item III: The Cyprus Dispute: [redacted]

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Community analysts briefly discussed the circumstances that could lead either of the two parties on the island, or Athens and Ankara, to decide on a military option in an attempt to settle the Cyprus dispute,

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